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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5607-N-11]

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request:** 

**Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Counseling Client Survey** 

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing

Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY**: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES**: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, Room 9120 or the number for the Federal Information Relay Service (1-800-877-8339).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Betsy Cromwell, Office of Single Family Program Support Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451

7<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-4465 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

<u>Title of Proposal</u>: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Counseling Client Survey.

<u>OMB Control Number, if applicable</u>: 2502-0585.

**Description of the need for the information and proposed use**: As a condition of eligibility to receive a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM), consumers must participate in reverse mortgage counseling. As part of HUD's evaluation of its HECM counseling program, performance reviews are conducted at the HUD-approved counseling agencies by HUD staff. HUD staff mails or e-mails, when an e-mail address is available, the HECM client survey to consumers who have recently received counseling through the

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agency. This survey is completed by the consumer and mailed or e-mailed back to HUD.

It provides valuable feedback to HUD regarding customer service and counseling quality

provided by the HECM counseling agency being reviewed. HUD uses this information to

evaluate the counseling agency and, further, to make any policy or procedural changes as

necessary.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-92911

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information

collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of

**response:** The estimated total number of hours needed to prepare the information

collection is 50, the number of respondents is 300 generating approximately 300 annual

responses; the frequency of response is on occasion; and the estimated time needed to

prepare the response varies from 10 minutes to 20 minutes.

**Status of the proposed information collection:** This is an extension of a previously

approved information collection.

**AUTHORITY**: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as

amended

**Date:** April 12, 2012\_\_\_\_

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